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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2008

The December 16, 2008 meeting was called to order at 12:53 p.m.
by the Chairperson, Margery F. Rodgers, PT.

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Chairperson
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Teresa Thornton, Investigator
Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom

Absent:

Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

Ann Tyminski introduced our new Office Secretary, Sherron Wilson. Ms. Wilson will be scanning the licensee files so that we will eventually be fully computerized.

New Office Secretary

Expense sheets were handed out and collected.

Expense Sheets

The minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2008 were approved as corrected and amended.

Minutes

The Office of the Attorney General forwarded a letter and information to the Board from Jason R. Potter, (Wright, Constable & Skeen, LLP) in reference to Sauna Detoxification. Mr. Potter asks if this Sauna Detoxification program would fall within the practice of physical therapy. The Board stated that this procedure does not fall within the practice of physical therapy.

Sauna Detoxification

Roxanne Lee-McLaughlin, PTA and Chequita McCutcheon sent a letter to the Board in reference to the Maryland Educational On-Line IEP forms. The Board once again will explain to Ms. McLaughlin and Ms. McCutcheon that the IEP is an Individual Education Plan, not a physical therapy plan. Those professionals who attend the IEP planning meeting must sign the plan as attendees.

IEP Forms

Joy Aaron received an e-mail from Robin Mayer in reference to billing. The Board stated that the question is not clear and needs clarification. Ms. Aaron was directed to contact Ms. Mayer for clarification

Billing Question

Joy Aaron received an e-mail with two questions from Oliver Yeo, PT.

Medicare and
Treatment Time
Questions

1. Is it legal to see 3 Medicare A patients at the same time? The Practice Act is not insurance carrier specific.
2. Is there a limit for the minutes in an 8 hour work day? The Practice Act states that the maximum is an average of 3 patients per hour. Of paramount importance is that each patient receives adequate treatment.

Sharon Baxley, PTA sent an e-mail to Joy Aaron with two questions.

Documentation
Question

1. If the PT has documented an alignment problem, on the next visit, can the PTA correct the alignment problem if it still exists? The Board's answer was yes, as long as the problem is documented.
2. If the PTA finds an alignment problem that has not been documented, can the PTA treat it. The Board's answer was no.

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Shaun Moore, PT in reference to a contract PT working for a doctor who will be doing the billing. This was discussed at a previous Board Meeting and therefore is a duplicate inquiry.

Contract PT
Billing

Continuing Education

"The Insulin Connection" had been previously submitted by Sally Sclar, PT for CEU approval. This course was approved for 0.3 CEUs. Ms. Sclar submitted additional information about the course and asked if the Board would consider approving it for 0.6 CEUs. After reviewing is information, Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chair, stated that this course is related to physical therapy. The Board approved the course for 0.6 CEUs.

Mamatha Boyd submitted an application for physical therapist and was severely lacking in general education credits. She has been working on obtaining the credits but had been told if she did not complete her deficiencies by April 1, 2008, the requirement for general education credits would increase from 54 to 60 credits. Ms. Boyd requested that she be allowed to only complete 54 credits since her application had been submitted in January 2008. The Board's response was that if she completes the deficient credits by January 28, 2009 then 54 will be accepted. If she does not, then 60 credits will be expected.

Educational Credits

Reports

Income Summaries were distributed.

Income Summaries

Information

Ernest Bures reported on CEU audit cooperation. He spoke with the executive director of the Board of Social Work and gave the Board information on how they discipline licensees who do not cooperate with the Board

Audits

Joy Aaron received an e-mail from Sue Lindeblad, PT in reference to FCCPT's Educational Equivalency Review of PTAs. The FCCPT Board of Directors has adopted the PTA Tool 2007 for determining the educational equivalence of individuals trained outside the US, whose curriculum may be substantially equivalent to a US physical therapist assistant. Maryland law does not allow for PTA applicants to be licensed in Maryland unless they are graduates of an accredited PTA program.

FCCPT PTA Tool

The Board was advised of the 2009 privately owned vehicle reimbursement rate. Effective January 1, 2009 the reimbursement mileage rate will change from 58.5 cents to 55.0 cents.

2009 Vehicle
Reimbursement Rate

Information on the Healthcare Integrity & Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) and FSBPT Licensure and Disciplinary Database was given to the Board.

HIPDB

Ann Tyminski spoke about the death of Teresa Clark DiPietro, PT., who passed away on November 30, 2008 while giving birth to a healthy son at Franklin Square Hospital Center. Mrs. DiPietro worked with children with disabilities. Ann Tyminski will write a letter of condolences to her husband.

Death of PT

Ann Tyminski presented the draft regulation proposal for animal PT. The Board members will review the draft and discuss this information at the January 2009 meeting so that Steve Strunk and APTA will have something to go by as they speak with legislators.

Animal PT

Ms. Tyminski reported that APTA held a meeting with interested physical therapists who have agreed to lobby legislators about the feasibility of physical therapists treating animals.

APTA Meeting

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Jill Porter from the Maryland Board of Physicians in reference to a meeting with representatives of the athletic trainers and their lobbyists. Mrs. Tyminski asked the Board to read the proposed bill and e-mail her with their comments. Ms. Hollinger requested a copy of the proposal.

Athletic Trainers

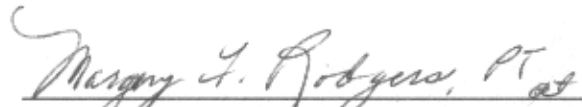
The open session of the meeting adjourned and entered closed session at 1:50 p.m. for the purpose of medical review deliberations of applications, according to Section 10-508 (a)(13).

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

January 20, 2009
Date approved



Margery Rodgers, PT, Chairperson